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CLASSIFICATION ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ ~~NO FORN DISSEM~~ OFFICIALS ONLYCOUNTRY Poland REPORT [REDACTED]TOPIC Soviet Military Trains Observed in Poland

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 29 August 1949REFERENCES [REDACTED]PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]REMARKS [REDACTED]1. BREST LITOVSK (S 53/M 87):

a. Two trains of about 35 German railroad cars each were standing without engines at the railroad station. The trains carried materiel which was covered with canvas. (from the shape apparently tanks or self-propelled guns). The escorting soldiers were about 18 years of age, most of them having closely cropped hair. The departure of the trains was not observed.

b. In comparison with previous observations the Soviet military traffic in BREST LITOVSK appeared to have increased.

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2. LODZ (S 52/O 93):

a. A trainload of heavy guns was observed at the "Kalisz" RR station, LODZ.

b. A west-bound train carrying 24 tanks and seven trucks passed through LODZ.

c. A train of 45 boxcars and Soviet escort personnel passed through LODZ on the same day and proceeded towards KALISZ (P 55/N 55).

Comment: Although scanty, the information on BREST LITOVSK and LODZ is enough to illustrate the importance of these two railroad stations in Soviet supply traffic through Poland. The trains observed in LODZ are believed to have carried supplies (weapons and equipment) to the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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